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SUBJECT: SPAIN DEMARCHES CHINA ON MINUSTAH MANDATE

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(SBU) Poloff delivered reftel demarche on support for a 12-month Minustah mandate to Spanish MFA Subdirector General for the United Nations Manuel Gonzalez de Linares Palou and Haiti Desk officer Jaume Segura. Linares told Poloff February 9 that Spain was completely on board in support of lengthening the mandate, but that he needed to contact Subdirector for Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean Carmen Diez Orejas, who was traveling until February 12, and Carlos Morales, the Subdirector General for Continental Asia, to calibrate their approach. On February 13, Segura called Poloff to inform that Spain had approached the Chinese February 12, receiving a noncommittal response. Segura expressed hope that the Contact Group's unity on the matter would bring success in the UNSC vote.